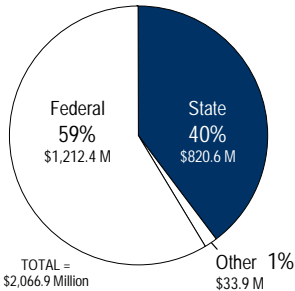


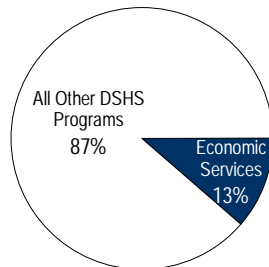
Funding Sources

2003-05 Biennium



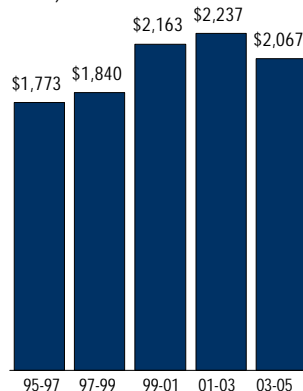
The Economic Services Budget

As a Percent of the DSHS Budget
All Funds



Funding Trend

Total Dollars to Economic Services
(In Millions)



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THE ECONOMIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (ESA) provides cash grants, food assistance, childcare, and work-focused services that help individuals and families meet their basic needs and achieve economic independence. It also ensures parents provide financial and medical support to their children through child support enforcement, and is responsible for childcare policy and regulation. More than one out of 10 state residents receive help through these programs.

2003-05 BIENNIUM FUNDING

Authorized spending for the Economic Services Administration in 2003-05 is **\$2,066.9 million** (\$820.6 million GF-S), which supports 4,504 full-time equivalent positions (FTEs) and the program priorities identified below:

TANF GRANTS

Needy families and children in WorkFirst, the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, receive cash assistance grants based on family size and income. In Washington State, the monthly grant standard for a family of three is \$546. *\$534.9 million (\$309.7 million GF-S, \$225.2 million GF-F)*

CHILD CARE AND EARLY LEARNING SERVICES

The Division of Child Care and Early Learning administers major child care subsidy programs (including Working Connections Child Care), the licensing of child care homes and centers, and other services promoting healthy child development. *\$593.9 million (\$105.4 million GF-S, \$488.5 million GF-F)*

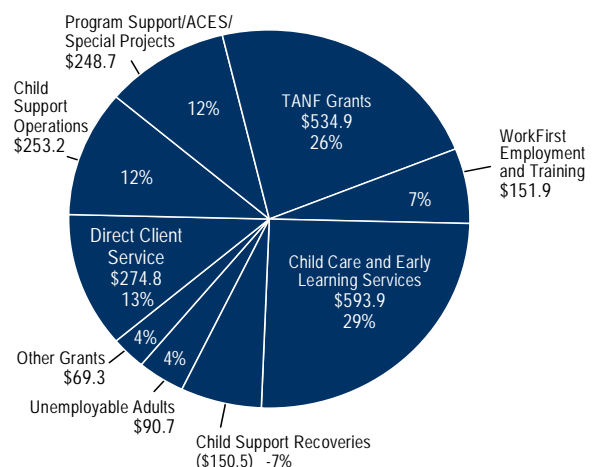
WORKFIRST EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

WorkFirst provides services to move families from welfare to work and economic self-sufficiency. These services are provided by DSHS, its WorkFirst state agency partners, and other entities (including community-based agencies and Tribes). State and federal funds are also transferred to Tribes operating Tribal TANF programs. *\$151.9 million (\$6.2 million GF-S, \$145.7 million GF-F)*

2003-05 Biennial Base Funding

Initial Allotment

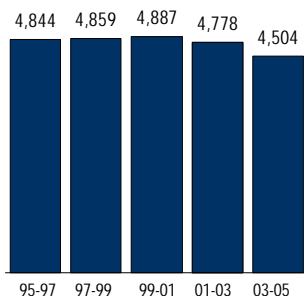
Total = \$2,066.9 Million



(Past Budget Flyers have incorporated Child Support Recoveries as a subset of TANF Grants)

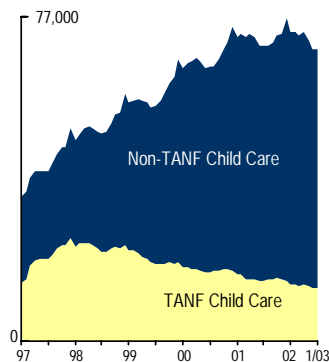
Budgeted FTEs

ESA Total



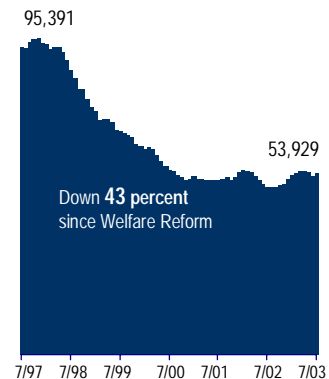
Working Connections Child Care

Children Served



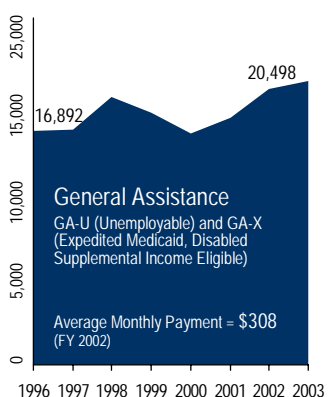
TANF Caseloads

Down 45 percent in the five years since welfare reform



General Assistance Caseload

1996 to 2003



CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERIES

Recoveries collected by the Division of Child Support for children who are currently on TANF assistance grants are retained. These recoveries are assumed to offset expenditures in the ESA budget. *-\$150.5 million, (-\$73.7 million GF-S, -76.8million GF-F)*

UNEMPLOYABLE ADULTS

Low-income individuals who are unable to work due to a disability may be eligible for state-funded cash aid through the General Assistance program. This includes people with a pending application for federal disability aid under the Supplemental Security Income program. *\$90.7 million (\$90.7 million GF-S)*

OTHER GRANTS

In addition to TANF and General Assistance, ESA administers other assistance programs for the needy, including Refugee Assistance, Diversion Cash Assistance, and Food Assistance for Legal Immigrants. *\$69.3 million (\$48.0 million GF-S, \$21.3 million GF-F)*

DIRECT CLIENT SERVICE

ESA provides direct client services for the programs described above and the state's Basic Food Program through a network of 59 local Community Services Offices and 19 childcare licensing offices. *\$274.8 million (\$151.9 million GF-S, \$122.9 million GF-F)*

CHILD SUPPORT OPERATIONS

The Division of Child Support establishes and enforces financial and medical child support obligations, and provides paternity establishment services. Child support improves the economic security of families and reduces the welfare caseload. *\$253.2 million (\$50.3 million GF-S, \$171.4 million GF-F, \$31.5 million GF-L)*

PROGRAM SUPPORT, ACES, SPECIAL PROJECTS

These dollars include funding for operations to support direct client services including, key program initiatives, and special projects such as food stamp outreach and nutrition education efforts. *\$248.7 million (\$132.2 million GF-S, \$114.1 million GF-F, \$2.4 million GF-L)*

FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

TANF BLOCK GRANT

- Meeting the federal maintenance-of-effort (MOE) requirement for TANF has been a challenge since 1999, when state funds for TANF were reduced by \$65 million. States that do not meet the MOE requirement risk significant penalties in their TANF grants.
- Significant changes in federal requirements for TANF and TANF block grant funding now being considered by Congress create both policy and budget ramifications.

WORKFORCE REDUCTIONS

The budget requires ESA to reduce its workforce by more than 140 employees and close some local offices in the next two years. A key challenge is restructuring service delivery systems and business operations in ways that support quality and access.

STATE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS

There is a federal requirement that payments continue at a historic level to disabled clients who receive Supplemental Security Income. A supplemental budget request for additional state funds will be made to support this federal requirement.

REFUGEE SERVICES

Reductions in federal funding from the Office of Refugee Resettlement will require changes to the scope and level of services available to low-income refugees and persons with limited proficiency in English.